



# EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL

Ref. 17-1655  
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Dear Madam,

We hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter as of 13 March 2017, and thank you and the other signatories of the letter for the interest in EFTA's work.

The EFTA States and Malaysia are aiming to conclude a free trade agreement, which will create win-win-solutions for all Parties involved. With regard to your points on UPOV and the protection of new plant varieties, we will take your input, together with the input from any other stakeholders, into consideration. The EFTA States and Malaysia intend to reach an agreement on a mutually acceptable level of protection, which will be reflected in the agreement.

Yours sincerely,



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